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Flooding Affects Well Sites at Confluence

BISMARCK, N.D. – The North Dakota Department of Health (NDDoH) has been notified that oil well sites near the confluence of the Yellowstone and Missouri rivers have been impacted by floodwaters. Several well sites are currently being monitored. The flooding is a result of ice jams downstream from the sites. Water levels are expected to continue to rise throughout the day.

The owners of the well sites are aware of the flooding and have been monitoring the wells from the air and by boat for the past several days. At one site, containment booms have been deployed as a precaution. State inspectors have not been able to reach the sites by land, but are continuing to monitor the situation.

In anticipation of the possible rise in water, the North Dakota Oil & Gas Division advised several of the companies to shut down the at-risk wells and to move equipment and chemical containers before the water rose.

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